

## ABSTRACT

[00036] A bumper guard for attachment to a sports racquet. The sports racquet includes a frame having a head portion with an outer peripheral surface and a plurality of grommet holes formed into the head portion for supporting a string bed. The bumper guard includes an elongate body having a first length, an inner surface and an outer surface. The body includes a central region and first and second wings. The central region, when installed on the racquet, is generally centered about a plane defined by the string bed. The first and second wings extend from the central region. The inner surface of the body configured to generally conform with the peripheral outer surface of the head portion. Each of the first and second wings has an inner wall and an outer wall defining at least one elongate hollow cavity.